

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are pending in the application and are subject to Restriction and Election of Species requirements.

Claims 1-15 are amended to correct grammatical and typographical errors and to recite claims using language commonly used in U.S. practice. Claims 1 and 15 are amended to recite specific method steps. Support for the amendment to the claims may be founding the claims as originally filed.

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

**Restriction Requirement**

According to the Restriction requirement, claims 1-27 are not linked in such a way as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. Applicant is required to elect a single invention in accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, to which the claims must be restricted:

Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a method of producing a hair fixing product and  
Group II, claims 15-27, drawn tot a hair-styling foil.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a method of producing a hair-fixing product, without traverse. Applicant believes that the inclusion of claim 15 in Group II is in error because claim 15 recites a method as defined in claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that claim 15 be included in Group I and that claim 15 be examined together with claims 1-14.

### **Election of Species**

According to the Election of Species requirement, the claims are directed to the following species, which are not so linked as to form a general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1:

- a) Polymer,
- b) Additional Hair-Fixing Polymer, and
- c) Surfactant.

Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for each of a)-c) above.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicant elects: a) pullulan as the species of polymer, b) polyvinylpyrrolidone as species of additional hair-fixing polymer, and c) a mixture (blend) of cetyltrimethylammonium chloride with polyethylene glycol-40 as the species of surfactant. The election is made without traverse. Claims 1-15 are generic to the elected species.

### **Conclusion**

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited. Should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions that might contribute to a compact prosecution of the application, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss appropriate claim language that will place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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